

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/517,182  
Applicants: Hajime Maekawa et al.  
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Title: ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING METHOD  
T.C./A.U.: 2168  
Examiner: Dangelino N. Gortayo  
Confirmation No.: 4367  
Docket No.: MAT-8637US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **8** of this paper.